

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Deri et al., "Practical Network Security: Experiences with ntop", TERENA Networking Conference 22-25 May 2000. Applicant's invention was completed in the United States at a date prior to May 2000, the effective date of the Deri reference that was cited by the Examiner. A declaration and evidence of such are submitted herewith.

In particular, the declaration and evidence together clearly show that, at a date prior to May 2000, the invention was conceived of as being capable of processing network accounting information by receiving accounting information over a packet-switched network, monitoring at least one aspect of the received accounting information, and discarding at least a portion of the accounting information based on the monitored aspect. Moreover, such invention was further conceived of as being capable of processing network accounting information by receiving accounting information over a packet-switched network, monitoring at least one aspect of the received accounting information, and conditionally preventing an overload of the accounting information based on the monitored aspect. Still yet, the invention was further conceived of as being capable of processing network accounting information by receiving accounting information over a packet-switched network, receiving an indication relating to at least one aspect of the received accounting information, and conditionally preventing an overload of the accounting information based on the indication; as well as various other features embodied in the claims and specification of the above patent application.

In view of such declaration and evidence, the foregoing rejections of at least the independent claims are deemed to have been overcome. By virtue of the dependence of the remaining claims, such remaining claims are also deemed allowable.

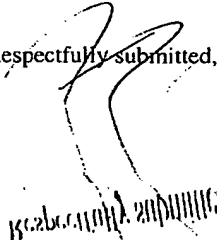
A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. XACTP001).

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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Givoly

Application No.: 09/924,391

Group No.: 2155

Filed: 08/07/01

Examiner: Tran, Philip B.

For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR PROCESSING  
NETWORK ACCOUNTING INFORMATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES  
OR IN A NAFTA OR WTO MEMBER COUNTRY  
TO OVERCOME CITED PATENT OR PUBLICATION (37 C.F.R. section 1.131)

## PURPOSE OF DECLARATION

1. This declaration is to establish completion of the invention in this application in the United States, at a date prior to May 2000, that is the effective date of the prior art article (Deri et al., "Practical Network Security: Experiences with ntop", TERENA Networking Conference 22-25 May 2000) that was cited by the examiner.
2. The person making this declaration is an inventor, Tal Givoly.

## FACTS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

3. To establish the date of completion of the invention of this application, the following attached exhibit and statement are submitted as evidence:

## CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. ' ' 1.8(a) and 1.10\*

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EXHIBIT A - A memorandum dated at least as early as August 17, 1999 showing that the invention set forth in the above patent application was conceived at least in part by me at least as early as May 2000.

STATEMENT: I, Tal Givoly, hereby state that the invention in the above application was conceived at least in part by me at least as early as May 2000, as evidenced by EXHIBIT A. Such invention was conceived of as being capable of processing network accounting information by receiving accounting information over a packet-switched network, monitoring at least one aspect of the received accounting information, and discarding at least a portion of the accounting information based on the monitored aspect. Moreover, such invention was further conceived of as being capable of processing network accounting information by receiving accounting information over a packet-switched network, monitoring at least one aspect of the received accounting information, and conditionally preventing an overload of the accounting information based on the monitored aspect. Still yet, the invention was further conceived of as being capable of processing network accounting information by receiving accounting information over a packet-switched network, receiving an indication relating to at least one aspect of the received accounting information, and conditionally preventing an overload of the accounting information based on the indication; as well as various other features embodied in the claims and specification of the above patent application.

From this exhibit and statement, it is clear that the invention in this application was conceived of at least as early as May 2000.

#### DILIGENCE

4. It is hereby declared that applicants acted diligently from a time just prior to the effective date of the citation of the Deri Article, up to reduction to practice or the filing of the above application.

#### TIME OF PRESENTATION OF THE DECLARATION

5. This declaration is submitted prior to final rejection.

#### DECLARATION

6. As a person signing below:

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

#### SIGNATURE(S)

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